IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

TRUSTEES of the MID-AN	MERICA CARPENTERS)	
REGIONAL COUNCIL HEALTH FUND,)	
MID-AMERICA CARPENT)		
PENSION FUND, MID-AMERICA CARPENTERS			
REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTAL)	
RETIREMENT FUND, MID-AMERICA CARPENTERS)	
REGIONAL COUNCIL APPRENTICE & TRAINEE)	
PROGRAM FUND,)	
)	
	Plaintiffs,)	CIVIL ACTION
v.)	
)	
XTREME TURF INC.)	
)	
	Defendant.)	

COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, Trustees of the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council Health Fund, et al., by their attorney, Daniel P. McAnally, complain of the Defendants, Xtreme Turf Inc., as follows:

- 1. This action arises under Section 502 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA")(29 U.S.C. §§1132). Jurisdiction is founded on the existence of questions arising there under.
- 2. The Plaintiff Funds are multiemployer benefit plans within the meaning of Sections 3(3) and 3(37) of ERISA. 29 U.S.C. §1002(3) and 37(A). The Funds are administered at 12 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois and venue is proper in the Northern District of Illinois. The Administrator of the Funds has been duly authorized by the Funds' Trustees to act on behalf of the Funds in the collection of employer contributions owed to the Funds and with respect to the collection by the Funds of amounts which have been or are required to be withheld from the wages of employees in payment of union dues for transmittal to the Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council, (the "Union"). With respect to such matters, the Administrator is a fiduciary of the Funds within the meaning of Section 3(21)(A) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A).

- 3. The Defendant is an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce which entered into Agreements which require Defendant to pay fringe benefit contributions to the Trust Funds.
- 4. Delinquent employers are required to pay, in addition to the amounts determined to be due, reasonable attorney fees, court costs, audit fees and other reasonable costs incurred in the collection process.
- 5. The Defendant must submit monthly reports listing the hours worked by its carpenter employees ("contribution reports") and to make concurrent payment of contributions and dues checkoff to the Trust Funds based upon the hours worked by its carpenter employees.
- 6. The Defendant breached the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Trust Agreements by failing to submit the contribution reports to the Trust Funds for the period November 2024 through present and by failing to pay liquidated damages on previously submitted contributions.
 - 7. Plaintiffs have complied with all conditions precedent in bringing this suit.
- 8. Plaintiffs have been required to employ the undersigned attorneys to collect the monies that may be found to be due and owing from Defendant.
- 9. Defendant is obligated to pay the attorney fees and court costs incurred by the Plaintiffs pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(D).
- 10. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(B), the Plaintiffs are entitled to interest on any monies that may be found to be due and owing from the Defendant.
- 11. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(C), Plaintiffs are entitled to an amount equal to the greater of:
 - a) double interest on the unpaid contributions; or
 - b) interest plus liquidated damages provided for under the Trust Agreements not in excess of 20% of amount that is due.

12. Pursuant to the Trust Agreements, Plaintiffs are entitled to liquidated damages at the rate of 1.5% compounded monthly.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray:

- a) That the Defendant be ordered to submit the contribution reports and pay contributions and dues checkoff for the months November 2024 through present.
- b) That the Plaintiff be allowed to submit an estimate of the amount of contributions due.
- c) That the Defendant be ordered to pay liquidated damages pursuant to the Trust Agreements.
- d) That the Defendant be ordered to pay interest on the amount that is due pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132 (g)(2)(B).
- e) That the Defendant be ordered to pay interest or liquidated damages on the amount that is due pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132 (g)(2)(C).
- f) That the Defendant be ordered to pay the reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Plaintiffs, pre and post-judgment, pursuant to the Trust Agreements and 29 U.S.C. §1132 (g)(2)(D).
- g) That Plaintiffs have such other and further relief as by the Court may be deemed just and equitable all at the Defendant's costs pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(E).

By: /s/ Daniel P. McAnally

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